

On Tuesday, October 13, the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 392 to 0, a resolution that I introduced, H.Res.659. My resolution congratulated the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on 98 years of local community service and for enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the nation.

Ten distinguished African-American gentlemen had the vision to foster leadership through fraternal brotherhood and Christian ideals. These men were serious minded and had a determination to defy customs in pursuit of a college education and careers during an oppressive time in American history for African-Americans. As a result, on January 5, 1911, they founded the collegiate Greek-letter fraternity; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (KAΨ) on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Since its inception the brothers of KAΨ have fostered relentless support to our Nation's communities. Through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, the fraternity has provided thousands of at-risk youth in communities throughout the nation with role models, mentors, and scholarships for higher education; which in return encourages our youth to make positive contributions to society through leadership roles. Kappa Alpha Psi holds its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide citizens of undeserving communities with food, clothing, and toys throughout the United States. The men of Kappa Alpha Psi volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Memphis) through hands on partnership.

On any given day you can see the notable accomplishments from my brotherhood in Congress, each day as members we strive to ensure that our brotherhood continues to exemplify achievement in every field of human endeavor. KAΨ sponsors events such as Kappas on Capitol Hill to increase member awareness about the political process, as well as an undergraduate leadership institute to enhance the skills and abilities for the fraternity's top student leaders.

I am proud to be a part of such a distinguished brotherhood that continuously contributes to the improvement of society. Yielding a membership of 150,000 college trained men on more than 360 university campuses, with alumni chapters located in 347 cities, and having representation in 5 foreign nations. Again, I say congratulations to my brothers of KAΨ for their 98 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the Nation.

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